

BA-302

Shawan Schoolhouse
East side of Falls Rd.
north of Shawan Rd.
Not Accessible
Circa 1883

This was a typical rural one-room schoolhouse, erected on land purchased by the Baltimore County School Commission in 1882. The buttresses of this structure are not typical of other schoolhouses in the region and hint of the mid-19th century Italianate style. The school closed in the 1920's and was converted into a dwelling thereafter.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

BA-302

map # 030802.5502

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Shawan Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

Mrs. Margaret B. Harvey

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

180-A Falls Road

CITY, TOWN

Shawan

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Margaret B. Harvey

Telephone #: 666-8947

STREET & NUMBER

180-A Falls Road

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21030

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 5245

Folio #: 291

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Shawan Schoolhouse is a one and one-half storey brick schoolhouse, three bays in length, its principal (gabled) facade close to the Falls Road, facing west. Originally a one-room rural schoolhouse, it has been adapted as a dwelling with the addition of partitions and other alterations.

Original windows were 9/9 and the original sash are now incorporated into a small glazed porch extending from the east bay of the south side. Original marble sills remain in place but the heads of the masonry openings are lowered. Originally identical entrances were at the extreme west edge of the westerly bay of both the north and south sides. Boys are said to have used the north door, girls the south. These openings have been filled and the principal entrance is a new doorway centered in the west end, sheltered by a one-storey hipped-roof porch extending across the entire end. Brick buttresses or pilasters, void of mouldings, shoulders or any other adornment, mark each bay. Brick walls are laid in common bond with every seventh course headers. Three dormers were added to each roof slope in adapting the former attic into living space.

The foundation and parapet walls of the west front porch, walls of the south porch to the windowsills, a small garage southeast of the house, and retaining walls forming a series of terraces in the yards are all constructed of concrete blocks broken into regular rectangular shapes, taken from concrete paving of Falls Road, laid in the late 1920's, removed in the early 1930's.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	Unknown	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Unknown
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shawan Schoolhouse is a rural one-room school typical of all which served America's rural communities after the establishment of public education in the nineteenth century. The land upon which this building stands was sold to the Country School Commission in 1882 by the heirs of Thomas Griffith for \$200. The small amount of money exchanged indicates that the schoolhouse was probably built afterwards.

The buttresses of this example are not typical of the other county schoolhouses (q.v.); they hint of the mid-nineteenth century Italianate style.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sidney, J.C. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland. 1850.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.54 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

For Valleys Historical District Project

September, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1114 Bellemore Road

323-3798

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Baltimore

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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